

# 1A | Double lives

## SPEAKING

1 Work in small groups. Look at the list and decide which things are the most important when you are describing who you are.

- name
- age
- job
- nationality
- marital status
- qualifications
- friends
- salary

2 Discuss these questions.

- Which information in exercise 1 are you most interested in when you meet someone for the first time?
- Which of these things do you think people are most likely to lie about?
- Talk about the most honest person you know.

3 Put the following in order of seriousness (1 = most serious → 6 = least serious).

- ☐ lying about why you are late for work/school
- ☐ lying about your age to get into a nightclub
- ☐ lying about your qualifications to get a job
- ☐ lying to your partner about another person
- ☐ lying to a friend about their new hairstyle
- ☐ lying to a member of your family about a present that you didn't like

## READING

1 Look at the photo and answer the questions.

- Who do you think the man is speaking to?
- Is he speaking honestly?

2 Read the texts and say if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 It is possible to spot a liar because of his body language.
- 2 Liars sometimes speak less quickly.
- 3 Will has a two-year-old son.
- 4 Will does not have a job.
- 5 A young boy discovers the truth about Will.
- 6 Most of the world's top ten lies are about money.

## Four-page special!

# Liars!

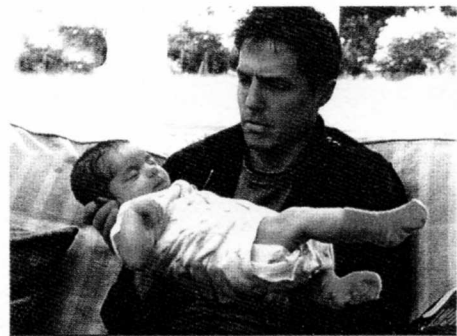
## How to spot them

He thinks he's getting away with it, but his body and his voice are giving him away. He's stumbling over his words. He's fidgeting and nervous. His hands won't stay still and his palms are probably sweaty as well. He seems to be smiling, but there's a little bit of tension around his lips and his nose. Although the bottom half of his face is forming a smile, it hasn't reached his eyes. He's looking at you straight in the eyes and he appears to be 100% sincere, but the tone of his voice has dropped and the rhythm of his speech has slowed down. There's no doubt about it: he's lying.

Learn to spot the telltale signs – read more on page 2

## Screen liars

'I love kids,' says Will (played by Hugh Grant in the hit film *About A Boy*). 'Yeah, I like messing around with them, you know. I have a two-year-old, Ned. He's got blue eyes.' Will is looking for a girlfriend, but all



'She's erm ... delightful.'

the women he knows at the moment are either married or divorced, and they all have children. Will is 38, he has no family and no job, and he specializes in doing nothing. He lives off the royalties of a hit song that his father wrote years and years ago. So Will invents an imaginary son and goes to single-parent meetings. He is soon dating a lot of pretty young single mums. But things get complicated one day, when a young boy arrives at Will's home and says, 'You don't have a kid. You've been lying to me, my mum and my mum's friend.'

Read about more screen liars on page 3

## \* The world's top ten lies \*

- 1 I love you.
- 2 You look great.
- 3 I'll call you tomorrow.
- 4 We never got the letter.
- 5 I'm not feeling very well.
- 6 I had no choice.
- 7 We had a lovely time.
- 8 I missed you.
- 9 It wasn't me.
- 10 I won't be long.

Read the top 100 on page 4

### 3 Find words in the texts that match the definitions 1–5.

- 1 moving your body nervously  
f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2 wet because you are hot  
s \_ \_ \_ \_
- 3 honest  
s \_ \_ \_ \_
- 4 wasting time/playing  
m \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_
- 5 depends on something for money  
l \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_

### 4 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- What other sentences would you expect to see in the top 100 lies?
- Do you know any other films where a liar is the central character? Tell your partner.

## GRAMMAR: stative & dynamic verbs

### 1 Look at the verbs in *italics*. Circle the stative verbs and underline the dynamic verbs.

- 1 Every morning Gerald *puts on* a suit and tie, *kisses* his wife goodbye and *goes* to work.
- 2 Or, at least, that's what his wife *thinks*, and that's what Gerald *wants* his wife to believe.
- 3 In fact, Gerald *feeds* pigeons in the park or *does* crosswords in the local library.
- 4 His wife *goes* shopping every Saturday and *buys* new furniture for the house with her credit card.
- 5 She *doesn't know* that they *don't have* any more money.

#### Use dynamic verbs

- in either the simple or the continuous form.
- to describe an action.

*Will is looking for a girlfriend.*

#### Use stative verbs

- in the simple form, not usually in the continuous form.
- to describe emotions, opinions, the senses, and states that do not change.

*I love kids.* Not ~~*I am loving kids.*~~

*He appears to be 100% sincere.* Not ~~*He is appearing to be 100% sincere.*~~

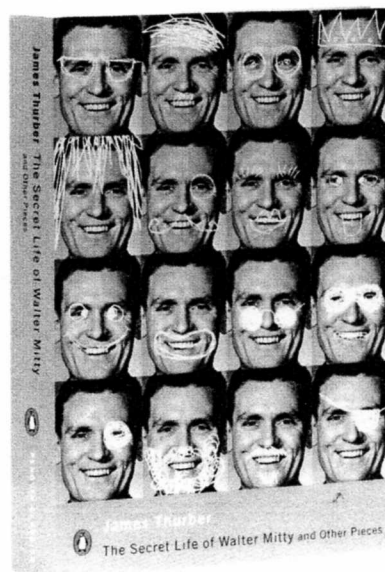
#### Common stative verbs:

agree appear be believe belong cost dislike  
forget hate have know like love matter  
mean need own prefer realize remember  
seem think understand want spend

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### 2 Walter Mitty is the hero of a short story by James Thurber. His life is sad and ordinary, but most of the time he lives in a dream world, as the heroic Captain Mitty. Correct three mistakes with stative or dynamic verbs in the two paragraphs from the story.

- 1 The weather is getting worse and the plane is not having enough fuel to return to base. But, Captain Mitty, who is sitting at the controls, is not knowing the meaning of the word *fear*. He is understanding that there is only one way to save everyone's life. 'We're going through,' he announces.
- 2 'I am being accurate at 100 metres. I never miss.' Mitty is holding a heavy automatic and the crowd believe him. The courtroom is in chaos. Mitty is needing to find a way out, but he is not wanting to use the gun.



### 3 Work in pairs, A and B. You are going to describe a moment of Mitty's real and imaginary life using both dynamic and stative verbs.

A: Turn to page 126 and describe what is happening.

B: Turn to page 134 and describe what is happening in Mitty's imagination.

## SPEAKING

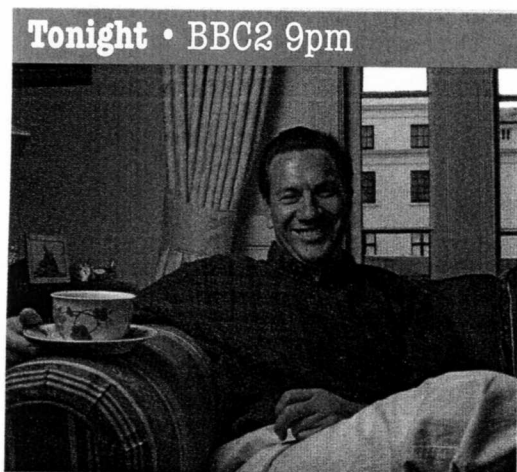
- 1 Turn to page 126. Choose one sentence and complete it so that it is true for you. Complete the other sentences so that they are not true for you!
- 2 Works in pairs. Tell your partner your sentences from exercise 1. Can he/she guess which sentence is true?

## LISTENING & SPEAKING

1 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- What do you think the following people do on a typical working day?  
a) a mother of four small children  
b) a member of parliament
- Whose lifestyle is more similar to yours? In what ways?

2 Work in pairs. Read the TV review. What do you think the main differences between Michael Portillo and Jenny Miner's lifestyles will be?



In tonight's **How Michael Portillo Became a Single Mum**, politician Michael Portillo adds new skills to his CV. The son of a Spanish political refugee, Michael Portillo has had a long career in politics. In the 1990s, he became Secretary of State for Defence. In 2001, he tried to become leader of the Tory party. Tonight, he makes his first appearance in the wonderful world of reality TV when he volunteers to look after Jenny Miner's four children for a week. It's a rare chance to see a politician at work in the real world.

3 1.1 Listen to the first part of a review of the TV programme. Check the answers you gave in exercise 2.

4 1.2 Listen to the second part of the review and answer the questions.

- 1 Did the reviewer like Michael Portillo before the programme?
- 2 Did the reviewer like him after the programme?
- 3 Did Michael Portillo admit that he had problems?
- 4 Did Tasha and her friends like him?
- 5 Did he enjoy working at the supermarket?
- 6 What did Portillo try to persuade the youngest child to do?
- 7 Did Portillo find it easy to look after Ellie?
- 8 Who was the reviewer's favourite character in the programme?

5 1.1-1.2 Listen again and complete the sentences.

- 1 Michael Portillo volunteered **to step into single mum Jenny Miner's** \_\_\_\_\_ for a week.
- 2 Life as a single mum is going to be **a real** \_\_\_\_\_-opener.
- 3 It is one of **the high** \_\_\_\_\_ of his week.
- 4 It looks as if **he's bitten off more than he can** \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 All his people skills and lessons in political diplomacy **will get him** \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Work in pairs. Explain the meaning of the phrases in bold in exercise 5.
- 7 Which politician in your country would you like to see in a similar TV programme? Why?

## GRAMMAR: present simple & present continuous

1 Choose the correct phrases to complete the rules below. Then choose examples from the sentences highlighted in tapescripts 1.1-1.2 on page 135.

Use the *present simple* / *present continuous*

- to talk about facts (things that are always true) and permanent situations.

Example \_\_\_\_\_

- to talk about habits and actions that happen regularly.

Example \_\_\_\_\_

Use the *present simple* / *present continuous*

- to talk about actions that are happening at the moment of speaking.

Example \_\_\_\_\_

- to talk about temporary situations and activities.

Example \_\_\_\_\_

Usually use stative verbs in the *present simple* / *present continuous*.

Example \_\_\_\_\_ Not ~~is wanting to~~

➤ FOR THE PRESENT SIMPLE AND THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS WITH FUTURE MEANINGS, SEE PAGE 64

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- 2 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the article.

**Faking it** is the hit TV series where people learn a new job in just a few weeks and then try to persuade experts that it's their real job! In this week's episode, a volunteer (1) *has / is having* four weeks to learn a new skill. This week's volunteer, Tim Hutch, usually (2) *works / is working* as a music teacher in a secondary school. In *Faking it*, he becomes a rock star. When you see him in the programme, he (3) *plays / is playing* live on stage in a rock band! In his real job as a music teacher, he (4) *teaches / is teaching* kids to play classical guitar. That's the only instrument he can play. But in *Faking it* he (5) *learns / is learning* to play the bass guitar. Tim Hutch has many challenges to face, but the thing he most (6) *wants / is wanting* to learn is how to dance in time. Don't miss it!

- 3 Write six sentences about yourself using these time expressions.

now usually once a week  
this week never at the moment

## VOCABULARY: verbs with two meanings

Some verbs can be both stative and dynamic, but the meaning changes. You can use the verbs *think*, *see* and *have* in the simple and continuous forms, but with different meanings.

*I see what the problem is now.*

(= I understand what the problem is now.)

*I'm seeing a TV reviewer at ten tomorrow.*

(= I have arranged to meet her.)

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- 1 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentences.

- 1 *I think / am thinking* this is probably the best programme I've seen all year.
- 2 I don't know if Portillo *thinks / is thinking* about starting a new career.
- 3 I *see / am seeing* what you mean.
- 4 I *am seeing / see* two politicians for a meeting tomorrow.
- 5 Jenny Miner *has / is having* four children.
- 6 Look at Portillo. He *has / is having* a really good time at the party.

- 2 Work in pairs. Explain the meaning of each use of the verbs in exercise 1.

- 3 Complete the sentences with *see*, *have* or *think* in the present simple or present continuous.

*see*

- 1 He \_\_\_\_\_ his doctor next week.
- 2 She \_\_\_\_\_ why he lied to her but she isn't going to forgive him.

*have*

- 1 He \_\_\_\_\_ £5 in his pocket.
- 2 She \_\_\_\_\_ a party at her flat on Saturday.

*think*

- 1 He \_\_\_\_\_ about getting his hair cut this weekend.
- 2 She \_\_\_\_\_ reality TV shows should be banned.

- 4 Work in pairs. Use the three verbs from exercise 3 to make sentences that are true for you. Then tell your partner about yourself.

*I think a lot of programmes on TV are very funny.*

*I'm thinking of going on holiday to Greece next year.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 Work in pairs. Read the information and discuss these questions.

**Labour**

**LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

**CONSERVATIVE**

For nearly one hundred years, only two British political parties have governed Britain. The Labour Party is a socialist party and its leaders have included Tony Blair and Harold Wilson. The Conservatives (also known as Tories) are traditionally more right-wing. Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher are perhaps the most famous leaders of the Tory Party so far. The Liberal Democrats are the third biggest political party in Britain. Their leaders have included David Steele and Charles Kennedy.

- What are the main political parties in your country?
- What are the differences between them?
- What other political parties are there?
- Who are the most famous members of these political parties?